

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3063
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DECLINE IN CASES OF BLINDNESS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the incidence of blindness has decline in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of persons who regained eyesight after treatment;
- (d) whether in certain States, the incidence of blindness has gone up during said period;
- (e) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (f) the steps taken/ proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

- (a) & b): Yes, Sir. As per the survey 2001-04 conducted under the National Programme for Control of Blindness (NPCB), the prevalence of blindness has come down to 1.1% as compared to 1.49% during 1986-89.
- (c) : Around 2,24,94,133 cataract operations were performed in the country under NPCB during the 10th Five Year Plan (2002-2007) period to regain eyesight.
- (d) : No, Sir.
- (e)&(f) : Question does not arise.